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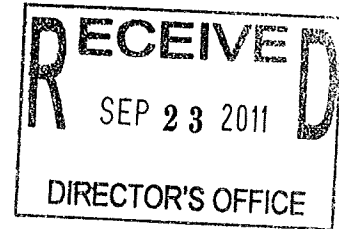
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Mr. Michael Cunningham, Acting Director  
California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs  
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Re: Proposed Absorption of ADP via Merger into another State Department

Dear Director Cunningham,

Associated Rehabilitation Program for Women, Inc. appreciates the opportunity for public discussions and written commentary regarding the proposal to eliminate ADP.

The Governor's office claims this proposed move is to provide services more efficiently and at a reduced cost without adversely affecting them. We do not believe they have made their case or that their rationale is clear.

We agree with the Governor's goals of providing services more efficiently and at less cost. We believe that the elimination of ADP should not proceed until the State has completed an academically defensible socioeconomic cost benefit analysis. It could end up raising costs and severely weakening programs which in turn pose a very real threat to the health and well being of millions of Californians.

We believe there is great merit in maintaining ADP as a standalone entity. The AOD field is small compared to most other departments. Merging ADP's functions into mega-departments will leave the importance of ADP's mission lost among relative giants.

Associated Rehabilitation Program for Women, Inc. wants to remain involved in the discussion. We believe that the risks of eliminating the Department far outweigh the presumed benefits, both in terms of tax dollars and in terms of human lives. We urge you to fully analyze the cost savings and efficiencies to be gained via eliminating ADP.

Respectfully,

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